level talks held in New Delhi on June 27-28, 2004 and again during the Home Secretary level talks with Pakistan held in Islamabad on August 10-11,2004.

Besides diplomatic efforts, Government, Jointly with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration particularly in J & K, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along the International Border/LoC and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of Border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration, as well as coordinated counter terrorism measures. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed from time to time.

Electrification in Eastern States

*338. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power is one of the slowest **growing** infrastructure sector and only 43 per cent rural households have electricity,

(b) whether it is also a fact that Eastern States-Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh etc., are the least lighted; **and**

(c) if so, what is the action-plan of Government to speed up electrification in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. **SAYEED)** (a) As **per** 2001 Census, 43.52% of rural households have electricity.

(b) The position of rural households electrification in these States is **as** follows:

Orissa	19.35%
Bihar	5.13%
Jharkhand	9.99%
West Bengal	20.27

Uttar Pradesh	19.84%
Chhattisgarh	46.11%

(c) Government of Orissa has been asked to formulate an action-plan for completing rural household electrification.

Coverage of primary schools under RGNDWM

*339. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) has been created to solve the drinking water problem;

(b) if so, whether the drinking water supply in all primary schools would also be covered under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission; and

(c) if not, which scheme will look after the problems of non-availability of drinking water in several primary schools in the country?

THE. MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various programmes of Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) and the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy, under the Ministry of Human Resource Development aim at covering all rural schools with drinking water supply.

Measures for promotion of sports and sports infrastructure

*340. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken certain measures for the promotion of sports and improvement of sports infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the high proportion of wasteful expenditure in the name of sports promotion;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to curb this trend;